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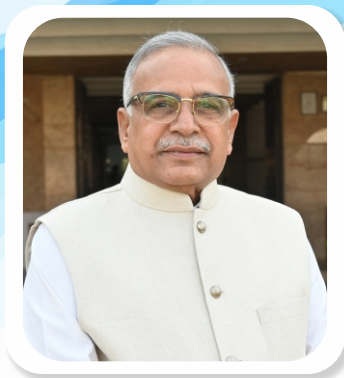
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**Dear Readers,**

It is with immense pride and enthusiasm that I present the August 2025 edition of Sutirth, a month that truly exemplified the dynamic spirit of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the deep-rooted cultural values of India. The activities of August, a month of national significance, were a powerful demonstration of IITE's commitment to building Character, Capability, and Compassion—the very aims that underpin our educational philosophy.

Our focus this month was aligned with the NEP's call for integration, reflecting our continuous efforts to blend tradition with innovation. We proudly marked the fifth year of NEP 2020 through a key Orientation Programme on MOOC Creation, underscoring our commitment to digital learning and faculty empowerment. The month also witnessed our trainee teachers being honored by the Hon'ble Governor of Gujarat, Shri Acharya Devvrat ji, for their innovative initiative, Zero Budget Science Practicals—a shining example of how creativity can truly democratize education. Simultaneously, we deepened our engagement with India's rich intellectual heritage by organizing multiple sessions on the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) and undertaking reflective visits to the Shri Mahavir Jain Aradhana Kendra. Our academic rigor continued unabated with national seminars on Myth in Postmodern Indian Literature and the Linguistic Tapestry of India, both of which fostered vibrant scholarly discourse and interdisciplinary learning.

August was also a time for patriotic zeal and holistic development. We celebrated the 79th Independence Day and the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, inspiring a commitment to national missions like Vyasan Mukh Bharat. National Sports Day promoted fitness, while the NCC cadets earned certificates demonstrating discipline and leadership. Crucially, we championed a safe campus through Anti-Ragging Week and an awareness program under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan. As you read this edition, I invite you to see how IITE is nurturing educators who are innovators, cultured citizens, and socially responsible leaders, fusing tradition and technology to shape the future of teaching. ■

With best wishes

**-Prof. R.C. Patel**

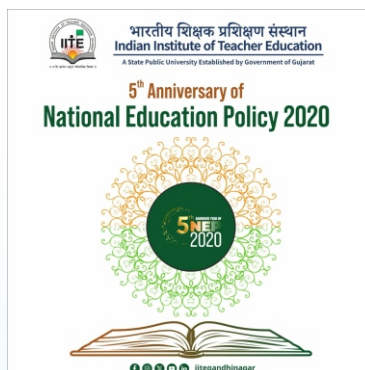
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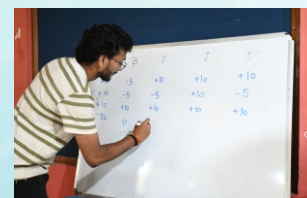


# NEP@5 Celebration at IITE

IITE marked the celebration of five glorious years of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 with great enthusiasm by organizing an inspiring Elocution Competition on 29th July 2025, based on the theme – Indian Knowledge System. Students delivered insightful speeches on diverse sub-themes including Gurukul to Modern Classrooms, Holistic Education in Ancient India, Vedic Astronomy and Its Impact on Modern Science, and Ancient Indian Contribution to Rational Thinking. Participants spoke confidently in English, Hindi, and Gujarati, reflecting the rich intellectual heritage of India and the NEP's emphasis on integrating cultural roots with modern education. Their speeches beautifully blended logic, values, and heritage, often enriched with Sanskrit shlokas and Indian philosophical thoughts.



The event became a vibrant platform for students to enhance their public speaking skills while deepening their understanding of NEP 2020. The competition was efficiently coordinated under the guidance of NEP Saarthi – Ms. Srishti Dalal and Mr. Kirtan Bhardhwaj, with support from Co-Coordinator – Mr. Bhavya Parmar and Mr. Mohit Patel. The program was successfully organized under the leadership of CoE Coordinators – Dr. Dipika B. Patel, Dr. Kunjan Shah, and Dr. Keval Gadani, whose mentorship ensured academic rigor and smooth execution of the event. The elocution competition not only promoted intellectual engagement but also encouraged students to take pride in the timeless wisdom of Bharat, truly embodying the spirit of NEP@The Journey of Wisdom. ■





# Transformative Learning Through Expert Talks at IITE



The Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE) recently hosted a series of expert talks, interactive sessions, and innovation events aimed at inspiring future educators, fostering creativity, and promoting entrepreneurship and digital literacy. These initiatives were part of the nationwide celebration of five glorious years of the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP@5).

On 16th July 2025, as part of the NEP@5 Thought Leadership Series, Dr. Arpan Yagnik, renowned Creativity Coach, TEDx Speaker, and faculty member at Penn State University, USA, delivered a session titled “Education in the Age of AI: Creative Leadership, Fear Mastery, and Original Learning from the Ground Up.” Blending ancient philosophical wisdom with modern cognitive science, Dr. Yagnik encouraged participants to cultivate creativity, resilience, and problem-solving skills in teaching, emphasizing originality and emotional intelligence in the age of technology.

On 31st July 2025, IITE also organized a National-Level Innovation Event focused on “Hackathon & App Development” and “Cyber Security.” Dr. Stavan Patel, Founder and Chief Mentor of Nimit Skill World, shared practical insights on app development and hackathon participation, while

cybersecurity expert Mr. Sarveshvar highlighted online safety, data protection, and real-world applications. The event was coordinated by Dr. Mehul Dave, Head of PG Programmes, and Dr. Ajay Pandya, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.

Entrepreneurial learning was promoted through sessions on the Student Entrepreneurship Policy (SEP) and Student Startup and Innovation Policy (SSIP). On 1st August 2025, Mr. Pritesh Khatri, Officer on Special Duty, Government of Gujarat, guided B.A.-B.Ed. and B.Sc.-B.Ed. students through SEP and SSIP processes, funding opportunities, and real-life case studies. Later, on 30th August 2025, Mr. Srichandra

Thirukkovela from NSRCEL – IIM Bangalore delivered an engaging session on startups, angel investing, and innovation, coordinated by Dr. Mehul Dave, Dr. Tejas Pavagadhi, and Dr. Jyoti Dave.

Additionally, on 7th August 2025, IITE, in collaboration with Vigyan Gurgari, organized a seminar titled “Celebrating the International Year of Quantum Science & The Legacy of Satyendranath Bose – Key Points on IKS.” The expert speaker, Mr. Shree Shreeprasad, Zonal Secretary of



Vigyan Bharti, New Delhi, highlighted connections between Indian Knowledge Systems and modern scientific exploration, offering participants unique perspectives on integrating traditional wisdom with contemporary science.

Further enriching the academic experience, the Centre of Education





hosted an invited talk by Prof. Sanjay Kumar Jha on 19th August 2025. In his enlightening lecture on Jain Philosophy, Prof. Jha beautifully explained the essence of Ahimsa (non-violence), Anekantavada (the many-sidedness of truth), and Aparigraha (non-possessiveness), showing how these timeless principles can guide our lives today. All B.A.-B.Ed. and B.Sc.-B.Ed. Semester 3 students actively participated, making it a thought-provoking and inspiring session that offered new perspectives and a deeper understanding of ethical and philosophical values.

Together, these sessions and events provided a rich blend of knowledge, practical skills, and inspiration, encouraging participants to think creatively, act responsibly, and contribute meaningfully to society. They showcased IITE's commitment to nurturing educators who are not only academically proficient but also socially conscious, innovative, and capable of leading transformative change. By integrating modern educational practices, technological awareness, entrepreneurship, and ethical values, IITE continues to prepare future teachers to become catalysts for positive impact in classrooms, communities, and the nation. ■









# MOOC Orientation at IITE: Paving the Way for Digital Learning



On 2nd August 2025, the Indian Institute of Teacher Education (IITE), Gandhinagar, successfully organized a One-Day Orientation Programme on “MOOC Creation: Paving Way to Digital Learning.” The event aimed to equip faculty members and student-educators with the skills and knowledge required to design and develop Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), promoting innovation and accessibility in digital learning.

The programme was graced by the Chief Guest, Dr. Harshad Patel, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith, and the Guest of Honour, Dr. T. S. Joshi, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor of Children’s Research University. The event also witnessed inspiring addresses from Prof. Rameshchandra Patel, Hon’ble Vice

Chancellor of IITE, as Patron, and Prof. Prerana Shelat, Director, Centre of Education. Their guidance and encouragement set the tone for an engaging and insightful orientation.

The technical sessions were conducted by a panel of eminent experts who shared their knowledge on designing effective MOOCs. Prof. Gaurav Singh (NCERT, New Delhi), Mr. Rohit Tripathi (Deputy Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Government of India), Prof. V. P. Joshith (Central University of Kerala), Prof. Ganesh Lokhande (Professor of Practice, Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University), and Prof. Margie Parikh (B K School of Professional and Management Studies, Gujarat University) provided detailed insights into instructional design, content

creation, and digital teaching methodologies.

Participants gained practical knowledge about developing online courses, structuring learning modules, and implementing assessment strategies. The sessions emphasized interactive, student-focused learning while ensuring academic rigor and quality. The orientation concluded successfully, empowering faculty and future educators to create high-quality digital courses.

The programme reaffirmed IITE’s commitment to fostering innovation, digital literacy, and excellence in teacher education, ensuring that its educators are well-prepared to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving learning landscape. ■




# Celebrating The Legacy of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray – The Father of Indian Chemistry

"A teacher is the one who lights the lamp of knowledge in the hearts of students."




– Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray




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Celebrating the legacy of  
Acharya P.C. Ray



The Legend "Sir Prafulla Chandra Ray"  
The Ray of the path in Indian Chemical Science through Discovery

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Auditorium, IITE

Coordinator: Dr. Tejas Pavagadhi | Co-coordinator: Ms. Hetal Patel

On 2nd August 2025, the Department of Chemistry, Centre of Education, IITE, commemorated the birth anniversary of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray, a visionary scientist, educator, and pioneer of chemical research in India. The event celebrated his remarkable contributions to science and education, inspiring students and faculty alike.

The programme featured an expert talk by Prof. Hitesh Patel on "Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray – The Ray of Path in Indian Chemical Science Through Discovery." Prof. Patel highlighted Acharya Ray's pioneering research, his role in advancing chemical sciences in India, and the enduring influence of his scientific and educational legacy.

The occasion was graced by Dr. R. C. Patel, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, IITE; Dr. Harshad Patel, Hon'ble Vice

Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapith; and Dr. T. S. Joshi, Vice Chancellor, Children's Research University. Their presence and appreciation added a special dimension to the celebration.

The event was coordinated by Dr. Tejas Pavagadhi and Ms. Hetal Patel, with the active support of the Chemistry Department faculty.

Students engaged enthusiastically, drawing inspiration from Acharya Ray's dedication, achievements, and vision for scientific excellence.

Through this commemoration, IITE paid tribute to a true beacon of national pride, reaffirming the importance of research, innovation, and knowledge-sharing in shaping future generations of educators and scientists. ■





The spirit of dedication and excellence came alive at IITE on 6th August 2025, as the National Cadet Corps (NCC) organized a camp aimed at nurturing leadership, discipline, and holistic development among its cadets. The camp provided participants with opportunities to hone their skills, build confidence, and embrace values essential for personal growth and national service.

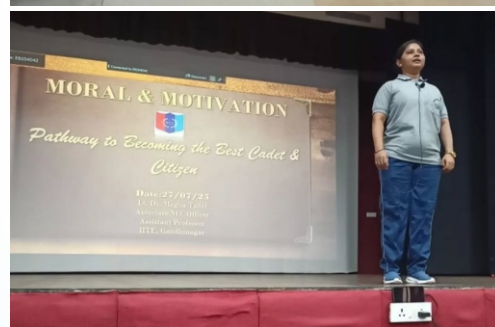
All 17 cadets successfully earned their camp certificates, demonstrating commitment and active participation throughout the program. Special recognition was given to four outstanding cadets: Cadet Roshni received a medal for exceptional leadership as Senior of Alpha Company; Cadet Mansi for her

exemplary drill performance; Cadet Jhanvi for her eloquence and skill in the debate competition; and Cadet Dhatri for her impressive anchoring during the cultural program.

The camp was further enriched by the presence of Associate NCC Officer, Dr. Lt. Megha Tadvi, who delivered an inspiring lecture on moral values and motivation. She actively engaged with cadets in various activities, encouraging them to strive for excellence and uphold the principles of teamwork and responsibility.

Through this camp, cadets not only celebrated individual achievements but also reinforced the NCC's mission of shaping disciplined, confident, and socially responsible

citizens, ready to contribute meaningfully to the nation. ■



## Empowering Future Leaders: NCC Camp 2025





# Experiential Learning through Institutional Visits: Connecting Theory with Practice



In its continuous efforts to provide students with immersive learning experiences, IITE recently organized three notable institutional visits, offering deep insights into Indian Knowledge Systems, foundational stage education, and India's cultural and historical heritage. These visits allowed students to connect classroom theory with real-world applications, enhancing both academic understanding and practical awareness.

PG-5 and PG-3 students who opted for the Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) elective visited Shri Mahavir Jain Aradhana Kendra – Acharya Shri Kailassagarsuri Gyanmandir, near Koba Circle, Gandhinagar. The renowned Indological and Oriental Research Institute and Library provided students with comprehensive exposure to Jain philosophy, traditional Indian wisdom, and ancient

manuscripts. Students explored the on-site museum housing rare artifacts, historical scriptures, and cultural exhibits, appreciating the depth of India's ancient knowledge systems. The visit included 65 students under the guidance of Dr. Rajesh Rathod, Dr. Jyoti Raval, and Dr. Neha Upadhyay.

On 6th August 2025, PG-3 students pursuing the Foundational and Preparatory Stage course visited Vidya Vatika at Children's Research University, Gandhinagar. They observed preschool classrooms, the Toy Library, Shishu Paramarshan Kendra, and Tapovan Kendra, and engaged in an insightful discussion on the concept of Panch Kosha with Dr. Ranjitsinh Pawar. The visit highlighted holistic approaches to child development under the guidance of Dr. Jyoti Raval.

Additionally, B.Sc.B.Ed. Semester-3 students visited the historic Gandhi Ashram, Sabarmati,

guided by Dr. Jyoti Raval and Mr. Bhavya Parmar. Students explored Mahatma Gandhi's life and philosophy, his commitment to truth and non-violence, and the Ashram's role in India's freedom movement. The serene environment encouraged reflection on Gandhiji's timeless values of simplicity, self-reliance, and service to society.

Collectively, these institutional visits reflect IITE's commitment to experiential learning, blending academic knowledge with practical exposure. By observing, analyzing, and engaging with real-world educational, cultural, and historical settings, students deepened their understanding of India's heritage, educational philosophies, and innovative teaching practices, inspiring them to become thoughtful, knowledgeable, and value-driven educators. ■



# Har Ghar Tiranga at IITE: A Movement of Unity and Responsibility



The Har Ghar Tiranga Rally at IITE was a spirited celebration of patriotism and collective responsibility, held with great enthusiasm outside the university campus in the nearby residential areas. With hearts full of pride and the national flag held high, students, faculty members, and staff came together early in the morning to participate in the nationwide campaign. The rally reflected a deep sense of national belonging as participants marched with discipline and devotion, chanting patriotic slogans and spreading the message of unity. The tricolour fluttered proudly in every hand, symbolising the shared love and respect for India.

The rally was led by the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. R. C. Patel Sir, whose motivating presence added great energy to the initiative. In his inspiring address, he urged everyone to take patriotism beyond celebration and make it a way of life. He emphasized three meaningful commitments for nation-building—Swachh Bharat, by keeping our surroundings clean and making hygiene a personal

responsibility; saying a firm No to drugs and addictions, to build a healthy and focused youth; and supporting the Make in India initiative by giving preference to locally made products and promoting self-reliance. His words resonated strongly with the participants and onlookers, reminding everyone that real progress begins with responsible actions.

Organised by the Sports, Yoga & Student Welfare (SYSW), the rally not only spread patriotic fervour but also connected with the local residents in a thoughtful way. Participants distributed national flags to residents along the rally route, encouraging them to join the Har Ghar Tiranga movement by hoisting the tricolour at their homes. This gesture strengthened community bonding and inspired people to take pride in the nation's identity. Through this meaningful outreach, the rally became a symbol of unity, awareness, and responsible citizenship—truly reflecting the spirit of an empowered and progressive India. ■







# STEAM for Sustainable Futures National Conference

Bringing together scholars, researchers, and educators from across India and abroad, IITE, Gandhinagar, hosted the National Conference on STEAM for Sustainable Futures on 19th August 2025 in hybrid mode, in collaboration with GUJCOST, Government of Gujarat. The event highlighted the critical role of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) in driving innovation and creating sustainable solutions for the future. The inaugural ceremony was graced by eminent dignitaries, including Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. R. C. Patel, Dr.

Hari Misra (Scientist, BARC), Prof. Haribhai Katariya (Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Shri Govind Guru University), and Dr. Narottam Sahoo (Advisor, GUJCOST) and Prof. Prerana Shelat, Director, Centre of Education, IITE, with Dr. Mehul Dave as Convener and Dr. Dipika Patel as Co-Convener.

With over 220 participants and seven thematic tracks, the conference fostered interdisciplinary dialogue, innovative research, and collaborative approaches to leverage STEAM for sustainable development. ■





# “Myth in Postmodern Indian Literature: અનુઆધુનિક ભારતીય સાહિત્યમાં પુરાકલ્પનનો વિનિયોગ”



The Centre of Education, IITE, in collaboration with Gujarat Sahitya Academy, Gandhinagar, successfully organized a One-Day National Seminar on “Myth in Postmodern Indian Literature: અનુઆધુનિક ભારતીય સાહિત્યમાં પુરાકલ્પનનો વિનિયોગ” on 23rd August 2025. The seminar provided a vibrant platform for scholars, educators, and students to engage in critical discussions on the evolving role of myth in contemporary Indian literature. The inaugural session was graced by the esteemed presence of Prof. R. C. Patel, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, IITE, along with Shri Bhagyesh Jha, Prof. Vinod Joshi, Prof. Ajaysinh Chauhan, and Dr. Anil Varsat, Registrar, IITE. Participants explored the intersections of tradition, narrative, and postmodern literary techniques, fostering an environment of intellectual inquiry and dialogue. The seminar highlighted the relevance of myth in shaping cultural imagination and contemporary storytelling, offering a rich learning experience and encouraging further research in the dynamic field of postmodern Indian literature. ■





Highlighting India's rich linguistic and cultural heritage, the Centre of Education, IITE, Gandhinagar, organized a two-day National Seminar on "Navigating the Multifaceted Linguistic and Cultural Tapestry of India" on 24–25 August 2025. The seminar began with an insightful keynote address by Dr. Rajendrasinh Jadeja, followed by a special address by Prof. Sachin Ketkar, adding depth to the discussions. The Presidential Address by Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. R. C. Patel set the tone for the seminar's objectives, emphasizing the importance of understanding India's diverse cultural fabric. The event provided a platform for meaningful dialogue, celebrating the country's linguistic and cultural diversity and bringing together experts and enthusiasts in a collaborative and engaging environment. ■

# "Navigating the Multifaceted Linguistic and Cultural Tapestry of India"





# National Sports Day Celebration

National Sports Day (August 29th) marked with a vibrant and comprehensive three-days celebration, seamlessly integrating remembrance, physical activity, and institutional commitment to holistic development.

The celebration started on August 29th, the birth anniversary of the iconic Major Dhyhan Chand Ji, recognizing his immense contribution to Indian sports. The tribute was

followed by a spirited session where students enjoyed games during 29 to 31 August 2025.

The commitment to well-being continued with a Fitness Assessment for IITE staff, a vital step aligning with the principles of the Fit India Movement and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020's focus on holistic student and staff development. This initiative aims to track health improvement and provide targeted

training and guidelines based on grading. The three-day event further included an Olympic Awareness Program. By connecting the national observance of Major Dhyhan Chand's legacy with a forward-looking, three-day program encompassing fitness assessments and awareness campaigns, IITE powerfully reinforced its mission to nurture excellence in body, mind, and spirit among its future educators and staff. ■







## Innovation Recognized: Governor Felicitates IITE Students :

What began as a simple idea to simplify science learning became a celebrated innovation at IITE. Fourteen trainee teachers were honoured by the Hon'ble Governor of

Gujarat, Shri Acharya Devvrat ji, on 19th August 2025 for developing Zero Budget Science Practicals. Created with creativity rather than costly equipment, these educational

experiments—documented and presented digitally—were recognized in collaboration with Vigyan Gurjari for their impact on accessible education. ■





# ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE



Institution Development Framework Committee Meeting organized on 7th August 2025 at IITE, Gandhinagar under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor- Prof.R.C.Patel.



The Centre of Education organized Anti-Ragging Week from 12th to 18th August 2025 by conducting Digital Poster, Reel Making, and Slogan Competitions. The initiative aimed to spread awareness among students about the ill effects of ragging and to reaffirm that the campus strictly adheres to anti-ragging norms.



Teachers' Tune Workshop organized on 28 August 2025 gave educators the skills to select powerful content & deliver it with confidence.



On 29th August 2025, IITE hosted a Panel Discussion on Indian Knowledge System (IKS) under the PG Conclave, bringing together scholars, students, and educators. The session showcased how tradition and innovation can shape modern education, aligning with the vision of NEP 2020.



On 30th August 2025, NSS Volunteers of CoE, IITE organized an awareness program under Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, highlighting the harmful effects of drug abuse and inspiring students towards an addiction-free life. The program concluded with a collective pledge and was coordinated by Dr. Darshana Likhada, Dr. Keval Gadani, and Dr. Archana Patel.





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